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MEETING

1. PRIOR TO OPENING OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL SESSION, DP
BURTICA MET WITH VEST AND AMBASSADOR PRIVATELY. IN
COURSE OF 20-MINUTE CONVERSATION, BURTICA EMPHASIZED:

A. IMPORTANCE TO GOR OF MFN AND ITS DESIRE FOR
MULTI-YEAR MFN. BURTICA ADDED THAT GOR HAS DEVELOPED
A PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. -GOR RELATIONS.
THE PROGRAM INCLUDES WAYS AND MEANS TO RESOLVE OUT-
STANDING PROBLEMS, INCLUDING A FRESH APPROACH TO
DECREE 223 PROPERTY CASES.

B. DISTASTEFULNESS TO GOR OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON MFN WHICH INVOLVE, IN ADDI-
TION TO PERTINENT QUESTIONS, "FABRICATIONS" SUCH AS
SUGGESTION THAT GOR ENGAGED IN GENOCIDE OF HUNGARIANS.
BURTICA INVITED VEST AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED AMERICANS
TO VISIT GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN POPULATIONS IN ROMANIA
TO SEE HOW WELL THEY ARE TREATED. VEST SAID THAT
CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF MFN AND TRADE AGREEMENT
WAS MOVING ALONG PROPERLY. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT
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BURTICA'S KIND INVITATION TO REMAIN IN ROMANI,
SINCE HE HAD TO RETURN TO WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR
SENATE HEARINGS ON MFN. VEST STRESSED, HOWEVER,
THAT AMBASSADOR AGGREY AND HIS OWN STAFF IN WASHINGTON
KEPT HIM INFORMED OF MINORITY NATIONALITIES' SITUATION
IN ROMANIA.

2. AS VEST CONCLUDED THE MEETING NOTING THAT

PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE ISSUES DISCUSSED BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS IN APRIL. THE USG WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUITY OF THE U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONSHIP DESPITE THE CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION. THIS OBJECTIVE WAS BEING PURSUED, INTER ALIA, THROUGH VISITS TO ROMANIA OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS.

3. AMBASSADOR GAVE BURTICA COPY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL. AS NOTED SEPTEL, AMBASSADOR READ MESSAGE IN OPENING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

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